

Tuesday, August 4, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 12 noon on Monday, August 31, 1998.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4388–4399; 1 private bill, H.R. 4400; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 316–317, were introduced. **Pages H7177–78**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1865, to designate certain lands in the San Isabel National Forest, in Colorado, as the Spanish Peaks Wilderness (H. Rept. 105–673);

H.R. 3498, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize the States of Washington, Oregon, and California to regulate the Dungeness crab fishery in the exclusive economic zone, amended (H. Rept. 105–674); and

H. Res. 516, providing for consideration of H.R. 3892, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a program to help children and youth learn English (H. Rept. 105–675). **Page H7177**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:33 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. **Page H7005**

Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed H.R. 379, for the relief of Larry Errol Pieterse, and H.R. 2744, for the relief of Chong Ho Kwak. The House passed over without prejudice S. 1304, for the relief of Belinda McGregor. **Pages H7005–06**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

OSHA Recognition of Electronic Forms: H.R. 4037, amended, to require the Occupational Safety

and Health Administration to recognize that electronic forms of providing Material Safety Data Sheets provide the same level of access to information as paper copies and to improve the presentation of safety and emergency information on such Data Sheets; **Pages H7008–11**

Ocean Shipping Reform Act: S. 414, amended, to amend the Shipping Act of 1984 to encourage competition in international shipping and growth of United States exports; **Pages H7011–19**

Airport Improvement Program Reauthorization Act: H.R. 4057, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration; **Pages H7020–37**

Credit Union Membership Access Act: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1151, to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify existing law and ratify the longstanding policy of the National Credit Union Administration Board with regard to field of membership of Federal credit unions—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H7037–52**

Elimination of Restrictions on U.S. Agricultural Products: H. Con. Res. 213, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the European Union is unfairly restricting the importation of United States agriculture products and the elimination of such restrictions should be a top priority in trade negotiations with the European Union (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 420 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 380). Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H7052–57, H7104**

Technical Changes to Trade Laws: H.R. 4342, amended, to reduce waste, fraud, and error in Government programs by making improvements with respect to Federal management and debt collection practices, Federal payment systems, and Federal benefit programs; **Pages H7057-71**

Library of Congress Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 3790, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the Library of Congress; **Pages H7071-72**

Designating James F. Battin Courthouse: H.R. 3696, amended, to designate the Federal Courthouse located at 316 North 26th Street in Billings, Montana, as the "James F. Battin Federal Courthouse". Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H7072-73**

Designating Joseph P. Kinneary Courthouse: S. 1800, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 85 Marconi Boulevard in Columbus, Ohio, as the "Joseph P. Kinneary United States Courthouse"—clearing the measure for the President; and **Page H7074**

WIPO Copyright Treaties Implementation Act: H.R. 2281, amended, to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the World Intellectual Property Organization Copyright Treaty and Performances and Phonograms Treaty. Agreed to amend the title. **Pages H7074-H7103**

Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations: The House continued consideration of amendments to H.R. 4276, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. **Pages H7104-75**

Agreed To:

The Mollohan amendment that increases funding for the Legal Services Corporation by \$109 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 255 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 381). The amendment was debated on August 3; **Pages H7104-05**

The Ensign amendment that increases funding for the Drug Courts program by \$3 million; **Page H7106**

The Moran of Virginia amendment to the Skaggs amendment that eliminates funding for TV Marti and retains \$2,000 for other international broadcasting programs (The Skaggs amendment, as amended, was subsequently rejected by the Committee); **Pages H7108-15**

The Jackson-Lee amendment that increases funding for the Community Relations Service by \$500,000; **Pages H7117-19**

The Blagojevich amendment numbered 41 printed in the Congressional Record that allocates \$5 million to expand the community prosecution program; **Page H7142**

The Traficant amendment that requires the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to conduct a study to evaluate the growth and development of private prisons, the training qualifications of personnel, and the security procedures of the facilities. The study shall be submitted to the Committees on the Judiciary of the House and Senate 270 days after enactment; **Pages H7161-62**

The Sanders amendment numbered 45 printed in the Congressional Record that increases funding for the Small Business Administration Women's Business Development programs by \$2 million; **Pages H7164-65**

The Farr amendment that increases funding for the National Ocean Service by \$1 million; **Page H7169**

The Millender-McDonald amendment numbered 32 printed in the Congressional Record that increases funding for the National Women's Business Council by \$250,000. **Pages H7172-73**

Rejected:

The Skaggs amendment, as amended, that sought to eliminate \$9.4 million funding for TV Marti and retain \$2,000 for other international broadcasting programs (rejected by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 382); **Pages H7107-16**

The Souder amendment that sought to increase funding for the Drug Courts program by \$6 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 91 ayes to 327 noes, Roll No. 383); **Pages H7119-26, H7158-59**

The Bass amendment numbered 10 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to reduce funding for the Advanced Technology Program by \$43 million and transfer \$19.5 million of that amount for grants under the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Programs (rejected by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 267 noes, Roll No. 384); **Pages H7127-35, H7159**

The Scott amendment numbered 9 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to transfer \$105 million from Truth in Sentencing Incentive Grants to other programs including Boys and Girls Clubs, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Substance Abuse Treatment for State prisoners, and Drug Courts (rejected by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 385); **Pages H7135-40, H7159-60**

The Gutknecht amendment that sought to increase the Weed and Seed program funding by \$6 million and reduce the Public Telecommunications

Facilities Program funding by the same amount (rejected by a recorded vote of 136 ayes to 286 noes, Roll No. 386); and **Pages H7140–42, H7160–61**

The DeGette amendment that sought to strike section 103 that prohibits any funds to be used to pay for an abortion except where the life of the mother is endangered, or in the case of rape (rejected by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 387). **Pages H7143–46; H7161**

Withdrawn:

The Metcalf amendment that sought to repeal Sec. 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; and **Pages H7146–47**

The Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to prohibit the transfer of any handgun without a trigger locking device. **Pages H7147–48**

Pending:

The Pallone amendment numbered 44 printed in the Congressional Record that seeks to increase funding for non-point source pollution control by \$8 million; **Pages H7165–67**

The Engel amendment that seeks to increase funding for the Public Telecommunications Facilities Planning (PTFP) program by \$5 million; **Pages H7167–69**

The Royce amendment numbered 15 printed in the Congressional Record that seeks to eliminate \$180.2 million funding for the Advanced Technology Program (ATP); **Pages H7169–70**

The Bartlett amendment numbered 3 printed in the Congressional Record that seeks to strike the funding for payment of arrearages to meet obligations of membership in the United Nations, and to pay assessed expenses of international peacekeeping activities; and **Pages H7170–72**

The Talent amendment that seeks to increase funding for the Small Business Investment Program by \$7.090 million. **Pages H7173–74**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H7122.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7179–80.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7104, H7105, H7115, H7158–59, H7159, H7159–60, H7160–61, and H7161. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 3617, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Amendments Act of 1998; H.R. 4364, Depository Institution Regulatory Streamlining Act of 1998.

PORTALS INVESTIGATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the circumstances surrounding the FCC's planned relocation to the Portals, including the efforts of Franklin L. Haney and his representatives with respect to this matter and the circumstances surrounding the payment of fees to those representatives. Testimony was heard from Franklin L. Haney, Franklin L. Haney Company.

Hearings continue August 7.

IMPEDIMENTS TO UNION DEMOCRACY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations continued hearings on Impediments to Union Democracy, Part III: Rank and File Rights at the American Radio Association. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION—NEED FOR INDEPENDENT COUNSEL

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held a hearing on "The Need for an Independent Counsel in the Campaign Finance Investigation". Testimony was heard from following officials of the FBI, Department of Justice: Louis J. Freeh, Director; and James V. Desarno, Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Justice Campaign Finance Task Force; and Charles G. LaBella, former Chief, Department of Justice Campaign Finance Task Force.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; PRIVATE IMMIGRATION BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 4006, Lethal Drug Abuse Prevention Act of 1998; and H.R. 2921, Multi-channel Video Competition and Consumer Protection Act of 1997.

The Committee also approved private immigration bills.